

From: Director-DWP, Program (DEP)
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Subject: Notice of proposed changes - MassDEP Underground Injection Control (UIC) Regulations

Dear Health Agent and other interested parties,

The purpose of this message is to inform you of proposed changes to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Underground Injection Control (UIC) Regulations, 310 CMR 27.00. The primary purposes of the proposed changes are to make the regulations compatible with the current version of the federal UIC regulations. The intent of the UIC Regulations and MassDEP's UIC Program is to prevent contamination of underground sources of drinking water (USDW). The UIC Program does this by managing the disposal of wastewater into the subsurface and by requiring the discontinuation of subsurface wastewater discharges that pose a significant risk of contaminating groundwater.

A significant proposed change to the UIC Regulations is relative to MassDEP's UIC registration requirements for parcels with one single family residential dwelling. The following types of wastewater discharges at these single family parcels will be exempt from filing for a UIC registration approval:

- Stormwater
- Water purification backwash
- Swimming pool drainage
- Groundwater infiltration (e.g. discharge from basement sump pumps)
- Geothermal wells

In anticipation of the promulgation of the proposed UIC regulation changes, effective immediately, MassDEP will no longer require the submittal of UIC registration applications for the above well types at parcels of land that are only used for one single family residence.

We anticipate that the proposed regulation changes will be posted for public comment in late 2015. Promulgation is expected to occur in the Spring of 2016. You will be notified when the proposed regulation changes are available for comment.

Please visit the following MassDEP web link for more information regarding the MassDEP UIC Program:
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/underground-injection-control.html>

If you have any questions on the federal or state UIC regulations or program, please contact Joe Cerutti at 617-292-5859 or the Drinking Water Program at 617-292-5770 or Program.Director-DWP@state.ma.us.



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